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In re Application of: Chong Kheng Lim, et al.

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**PETITION TO WITHDRAW HOLDING OF ABANDONMENT**

Unwinding the prosecution of this case to illustrate how amendments tendered on June 28, 2006, April 17, 2008, August 1, 2008, November 12, 2008, or March 18, 2009 were not tendered in bad faith, none of which were considered on the merits, has been difficult and extraordinarily time-consuming. Nonetheless, Applicants respectfully submit that they have done nothing in bad faith, as the prosecution of this case will show and that the holding of abandonment should be withdrawn.

On June 4, 2004, Applicants filed Patent Application Number 10/816,050 with the United States Patent & Trademark Office (the "Office") for Joint Assembly, Art Unit 3679 (the "Application"). The Application consisted of 5 claims. Briefly, the claims recited, *inter alia*, a "joint assembly comprising a seal provided with a first retaining surface and a second retaining surface, a ball stud provided with a ball portion and a socket, wherein the socket is provided with a seal acceptor and a ball cooperating surface, wherein the ball portion of the ball stud is within the ball cooperating surface and a portion of the seal is within the seal

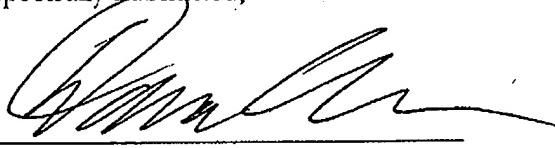
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